

The Coastal Charleston Composite Squadron (CCCS) is the local squadron of the national organization known as the [Civil Air Patrol](#) . As the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was founded less than a week before Pearl Harbor during a time of great need for coastal defense. Members flew their own aircraft up and down the coast looking for German U-boats and are credited with spotting 173 subs, attacking 57, damaging 17 and sinking one, possibly two.

CAP members also aided in search and rescue by locating the survivors of 363 ships and reporting 91 vessels in distress. Since WWII and 9/11 CAP has adapted to the needs of the USA.

While some units still do occasional coastal patrols for the USGC, CAP has focused its resources to accomplish its three missions: [Aerospace Education](#) , [Cadet Programs](#) , and [Emergency Services](#) .

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